





## **Conciliation Housing Accessibility Modification Program (CHAMP)**

A program designed to improve the physical access of rental units for people with disabilities using housing vouchers.

## Who Qualifies for a CHAMP grant?

To be eligible, a family must use a housing voucher, have a family member with an identified disability, reside in Baltimore County, and have a lease for at least one year.

The Conciliation Housing Accessibility Modification Program (CHAMP) provides funding for structural modifications to rental units to address the need of individuals with various disabilities including, but not limited to, modifications for individuals using wheelchairs, who are deaf or hard of hearing, or have mobility or vision impairments.

The Program is intended to be available in instances when the renter has the burden of making modifications to meet the needs of a family member, but lacks the financial resources to do so.

## FIND US ONLINE

baltimorecountymd.gov/ Agencies/planning/disabilities/ housingresources.html Baltimore County Department of Planning
HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
The Jefferson Building, Suite 201
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204
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What modifications are allowed under CHAMP? Modifications are based on a disabled family member's particular needs and commonly include the installation of wheelchair ramps/lifts and renovations to bathrooms and kitchens to allow for greater ease of use. Each request is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Prior to approval, requests are first reviewed by an inspector to determine the scope and viability of the work. Modifications must be approved by the landlord.

All work must be done by licensed and insured contractors, selected by the property owner. The Department of Planning retains a list of local contractors who have experience with modifications.

Who performs the modification?

## What are the steps?

Step 1

\* Complete application & submit requested verification documents

\* Baltimore County assesses modification request

\* With landlord approval, contractor is selected & bid is received

\* Grant documents are generated & executed by owner, tenant, contractor, and Baltimore County

\* Modification work begins

\* Upon completion of modification work, contractor is paid on behalf of tenant by Baltimore County



To apply, simply contact the Department of Planning, Housing Opportunities at 410-887-6055. Funding will be awarded after consideration of each application on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available.

Applications can also be found online:

baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/disabilities/housingresources.html

